Issue of exchange permit by RBI, Calcutta to Shipping Companies

257. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India, Calcutta has been issuing exchange permits frequently on demand to various shipping companies both foreign and domestic;

(b) whether during the past two years few of such companies have violated exchange rules;

(c) the details of permit given to each of the companies during the period in which foreign share holdings are there and are located in Calcutta; and

(d) what action is proposed to be taken against all those firms which have misused the exchange permits issued by RBI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR: (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Vacancies of teachers in schools of Delhi Administration

258. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of vacancies of teachers in the schools of Delhi Administration at present in different subjects and categories;

(b) the time since when the posts of teachers are lying vacant; and

(c) what steps have been taken or are being taken by Government to fill up the vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) In so far as the schools run by the Delhi Administration (Directorate of Education) are concerned, the following posts are vacant:—

Principals	68
Vice-Principals	60
PGT	240
TGT and equivalent	1450

As regards filling up of these posts, a competitive written test for recruitment of PGT, TGT and PST was held in March/April, 1991 and the results in respect of PGT and TGT have been declared. Delhi Administration has also issued orders for promotion in respect of 57 vacancies of Principals on an ad-hoc basis while the requisition for filling up the remaining posts of Principals under direct recruitment quota has been sent to the UPSC.

Direct purchase of medicines for CGHE Unani Dispensary beneficiaries

259. SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the event of non-availability of any medicine in CGHS allopathic dispensaries, the same is indented from Super Bazar/local chemists and supplied to the beneficiaries in 2-3 days and that in case of emergency, authority slip is given to the beneficiary to procure the medicine from Super Bazar/local chemist without any payment;

(b) if so, whether such arrangement exist in CGHS Unani dispensaries also; and

(c) if so the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (c) In case of Unani System of medicines all non-available items are procured from M/s. Hamdard Dawakhana by the Physician Incharge, Unani Store against individual prescription from the imprest money provided to him as no Local Chemist on the pattern of the Allo-

pathic System has been appointed under this system despite Government efforts to appoint local chemist by inviting tenders through leading News Papers.

Sick Jute Mills in the country

260. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of jute mills in the country that have fallen sick and how many are in a state of lock out and workers laid off, at present statewise; and

(b) what measures are being taken to revive the sick and locked out mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The state-wise number of jute mills, which have fallen sick, number of jute mills under lockout/closure and the number of workers affected as on 1-8-1991 are as under:

S. No.	Name of State	Number of sick Jute mills registered with BIFR	Number of sick jute mills under lockout/ closure	Number of workers affected
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3	..	..
2.	Bihar	1	1	1,300
3.	Orissa	1	..	..
4.	Uttar Pradesh	1	1	1,040
5.	West Bengal	23	6	21,900
	Total :	29	8	24,240

(b) Government have taken several measures for the revival of sick mills including creation of Jute Modernisation Fund to cater to the modernisation requirements of the jute industry, establishment of Social Jute Development Fund for restructuring the jute economy, enactment of mandatory use of jute packing for foodgrains, sugar, cement and urea, grant of financial support for R&D activities and product diversification programmes, regular purchase of B. Twill bags on cost plus basis, encouragement of diversification by providing facilities of excise exemption, concessional import duty, marketing support etc. Government have also set up a Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) to determine and enforce remedial preventive and ameliorative steps for the revival of sick industrial companies.

Drugs smuggling on Indo Pak border

261. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have held detailed discussions with Pakistan to counter drug smuggling on the Indo-Pak border, recently; and

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held in this connection and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Detailed discussions were held in Islamabad on 30th and 31st July, 1991 between drug enforcement officers of both the countries for exchange of intelligence on illicit drug traffickers operating across the borders, and for bilateral cooperation in the investigation of drug trafficking cases having ramifications in both the countries. Since a very large proportion of Heroin and Hashish seized in India are smuggled from